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LABOUR'S FASCIST INFILTRATOR

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EDITORIAL

Freedom of Speech and Racist Organisations Where We Stand

The Lewisham march organised by the fascist and racialist organisation, the National Front, has raised once again the question of "freedom of speech". There are many people who feel quite honestly and sincerely that whilst they oppose such organisations and everything they stand for, they nevertheless have a right to organise and demonstrate to express those views.

We do not believe such people are rogues or villains, nor do we doubt that they are opposed to racist and fascist organisations but we do believe that they are profoundaly mistaken.

In effect the argument boils down to a straightforward question: Do we consider that organisations that are avowedly racist and use racism as one of their main political weapons have a "democratic right" to conduct their activities particularly in the form of mass rallies and marches in areas specifically selected to cause offence and intimidation?

One point we would like to make most strongly is that if certain people in the 1930's could claim that they took the attitude that such organisations did have 'rights' because they had no precedent on the nature and ultimate horror of such parties once they gained strength and power; we in 1977 can claim no such get-out, for we have full knowledge of where racism and fascism leads. To ignore those lessons would make us worse than those we criticise for failing to take early enough action to halt the Nazi regime in Germany.

Our position is a clear one. We regard racism, particular when used organisationally and politically, as a crime against humanity; it is one of the foulest crimes known to mankind. Those that organise and build up political machnies to advocate racial hatred are criminals.

There is no such thing as an abstract "freedom" in our society. We have many restrictions and laws that limit and punish certain acts because they offend against society. So just as it is an offence to engage in a whole range of criminal and anti-social acts, we believe that in any civilised society, it should be regarded as an offence to organise and campaign to spread racial hatred and incite racial violence.

We are passionate advocates of freedom, but not the freedom for the 14,000 or so members of the Front to spew out their racial violence, or for that matter the members of other groups like British Movement and the British National Party who are even more extreme.

Our concern is for the freedom of their intended victims, the 1,800,000 Black and Asian peoples, both immigrant and British born, and the 480,000 Jews, to live a life in this country free from the fear of racial violence and intimidation.

We agree with Len Murray, General Secretary of the TUC when in accordance with these civilised principles he called for the banning of the racist provocation by the Front in Lewisham and Deptford, we agree with the Bishop of Southwark, we agree with the Mayor of Lewisham and the Lewisham Council.

We agree with those Black and Asian people who are saying enough is enough, "where are those laws you keep talking about but never implement".

Recently a number of newspaper editorials, whilst condemning the Front have strongly defended their 'democratic rights'. We suggest that they should show equal concern for the democratic rights of the victims of racism.

Peter Marriner

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Labour's Fascist Infiltrator

This is the amazing story of one of the most successful fascist operatives in Britain who managed to infiltrate the Labour Party and become the election agent for Brian Wald en the former MP for Laydwood, a man often tipped for government office; and was recently appointed the agent for John Severs the Labour candidate in the Parliamentary bye-election at Ladywood.

Peter Marriner successfully established himself as a well liked member of the Labour Party with contacts amongst the Asian community and aquired a Jewish friend. He was a hard working member of the party and ran a number of election campaigns very effectively.

For the last three years he attended Birmingham Polytechnic South, where he was working on thesis on the Extreme Right in the 1930s, and told people who seemed puzzled by his attendances at various fascist meetings that he was trying to infiltrate the Right in order to get first hand information for his degree course. All of which made Marriner's explanation sound reasonable.

There was however a great deal more to Peter Marriner than just that.

Searchlight first became aware of him when a mature student at the Polytechnic, who was a subscriber to *Searchlight*, arranged a meeting because he said that Marriner was interested in the magazine and had gathered a great deal of material during his research that might be of interest to us.

We found him very knowledgable and after a short chat he said that he would contact *Searchlight* if he came up with anything of value.

Some months elapsed before we heard from him again and on this occasion it followed a meeting at the Polytechnic where the Editor had been asked to speak. He said that he had found certain articles in a recent issue of *Searchlight* interesting and had some additional information we might be able to use. But as it turned out although of interest it was not of great relevance.

Some weeks later Dave Roberts, who was then working inside the Front and had started attending secret camps organised by hardline National Socialists, happened to mention the name Marriner, but he was not sure of the christian name.

When we approached Marriner and told him that we had heard of someone of the same name in fascist circles, he immediatelty volunteered the information that it was himself and that he had involved himself in order to get first hand information for his dissitation. He also made the point that he was a member of the Labour Party, but had also joined Workers Fight and that a small group from that organisation were supporting his activities. He once more expressed his keenness to work with *Searchlight*.

When we started to check his story we found that he had in fact been connected with Workers Fight but only for a short while, and had also been involved with the International Socialists when he used to man their bookstall at the Polytechnic.

By now we were into 1976 and had rather more than just an instinct that Peter Marriner was not quite what he seemed. All the information that we had received from him was of things past and safely out of the way and in the majority of cases, already obtained from other sources. We started to check our files and put out feelers to our contacts and the information soon started to flow. In the meantime the Col. 88 story had started to break and Marriner approached us with material, but as things turned out it was calculated to put us off the scent. We believe he was under instructions to get close to *Searchlight*.

BULLETIN OF

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Extract from members bulletin

...and our members are assured on the one hand that their orders ca... other hand, we similarly assure those already distributing our literature that we are receiving a great response to it, their efforts are not being wasted and each enquirer receives within three days details and application forms.

NATIONAL YOUTH MOVEMENT

Is gaining much support but is faced with heavy initial expenses so would welcome your support.
Members who can help out in other ways are especially invited to get in touch with its Leader, Peter Marriner at 111, Marroway Street, Birmingham, B16 OAW.

THE FASCIST

Newspaper publication of the pre-war 'Imperial Fascist League' is available at ...00 each plus stamp, for each additional copy, add 2p in postage. Numbers available: 13.11.29.72.74.78.83.84.85.

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Extract from 1977 British Movement list of area leaders

Mein Ehre heist Treue

THE ADOLF HITLER LEAGUE

"Since the day I had stood at my mother's grave, I had not wept." 10 November, 1918

Our ref. Your ref.

DiM/RR/1083

Mr. P. R. Marriner,

MUSTER CAMP

standing orders

COORDINATION UNIT 88 · 6 NOV 1975

DATES:

Camp will Pitch 21.30 on 21 NOV 75

LOCATION:

Restricted, and to be advised.

APPOINTMENTS:

B. BALDWIN	Director Training
P. MARRINER	Director Auxiliary Services
D. MUDIE	Director Operations and O.C.
L. VAUGHAN	Director Security.
NAT.YOUTH	Communications Messengers

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Brian Baldwin is a prison officer at Strangeways, Manchester, and is a member of the neo-Nazi British National Party. Donald Mudie is a member of the National Socialist Party (UK). Les Vaughan was the officer involved in the Col. 88 exercises in the Savenare Forest.

A Fascist of Longstanding

Peter Marriner was indeed "different" for he turned out to have quite a long record of involvement as a dedicated National Socialist stretching back sixteen years.

He was a member of the National Socialist Movement which was led by Colin Jordan, an organisation that has provided the leadership and cadres for most of the fascist organisations in Britain today, including the National Front.

In 1962/63 he became the Birmingham secretary for the British National Youth Movement, but gave the address as 26 Barkby Street, Leicester, which was the home of Brendon Wilmer the National organiser and his name also appeared in the bulletins and letters of the National Socialist International.

He was a close personal friend of Alfred Flockhart, Sir Oswold Mosley's secretary, in the early 1960s. Whenever Mosley was seen in the East End in those days, Marriner was usually seen in his immediate entourage.

Checking through our records we discovered his name amongst a list of National Front members sent to *Searchlight* in 1973 or 1974. Date of joining was given as 1970 and the membership number was recorded as 11711.

Marriner also appeared on a National Socialist contact list that came into our possession, along with such people as Les Vaughan (under his alias of Haller) who was the TAVR cadet officer who was responsible for the Col. 88 exercise in the Savernake Forest.

Kerr-Ritchie – See page 6

**Marriner at Moseley Rally*

The internal bulletin of British Movement, *British Tidings,* Nov, 75, names him as the leader of their National Youth Movement, which makes his claim to have invented the name in order to become involved rather absurd. In fact it is very much in existence and many Youth Movement leaflets and stickers were distributed in London bearing Marriner's address.

A later document from British Movement that we received as recently as July '77, and headed 'Present Area Leaders' (carrying a footnote stating that 'this circular is strictly for leaders and leaders alone and must not be discussed or mentioned with ordinary members), lists Peter Marriner as the Midlands Area Leader.

Its interesting to note that in the last two years British Movement has started to show an increase in its membership and its literature sales have considerably expanded, and as we recently pointed out it has many of its members holding dual membership inside the National Front, many of whom hold key branch positions.

The most damning document of all as far as Marriner is concerned is one that is dated Nov 6 1975 and headed 'Muster Camp' – 'Standing Orders'. It was issued by coordination unit 88 for a Col. 88 camp. Marriner is listed as the Director Auxiliary Services.

Column 88 has the most stringent security vetting system of all the fascist organisations. Les Vaughan, its security officer, runs an investigation agency and is a very experienced man. No one joins 88. They are selected and thoroughly checked out, which means that unless their National Socialist pedigree was right there would be no chance of membership.

Trafalgar Square

The demonstration held in Trafalgar Square on April 26, 1976 was organised by a committee under the leadership of Lady Jane Birdwood. Peter Marriner was a member of that committee and visited her house for meetings on a number of occasions and was present on the platform as one of the organisers from beginning to the end.

Strange as it was to see a Labour Party agent on a fascist platform, the presence of a well known Birmingham Tory with a long racialist record, Coun. Collett and his Tory council colleague, Peter Griffin may not be so surprising. Though looking back and in hindsight, what does seem hard to explain is the fact that both Collett and Griffin knew of Marriner's Labour Party connections (Griffin was seen in Marriner's company after that day), and when they were under attack for attending the rally both kept quiet about Marriner.

Information

With all this information at our disposal we had a difficult decision to make and we decided to take a calculated risk and delay exposure in order to discover if Marriner was on his own or if there were others.

When we heard that Marriner was to be the agent for the Parliamentary bye-elections and it was to be earlier than most people thought, and that some of the left groups had obtained certain pieces of information which they were intending to use for electoral publicity; we decided to confront Marriner.

At 9 am on Monday August 1 we met him at the Labour Party committee rooms and persuaded him to resign as agent immediately. Despite this fact the Socialist Unity group decided to go ahead with the resultant publicity.

As far as *Searchlight* was concerned it was a premature exposure. Although we have no interest in certain aspects of the publicity used by the local press, we think the alias used by Marriner in 1969/70, Royston Kerr, is of interest because of its political implications. It was apparently chosen because of his admiration for an earlier associate – Kerr Ritchie, the National Socialist.

"Spearhead"

It is worth recalling the activities of the Spearhead organisation which was in existence from 1960 to 1962. Formed when Colin Jordan's Nazis were still part of the British National Party as a para military force that held secret camps, it switched its allegience to the National Socialist Movement under the leadership of Jordan and Tyndall, who were arrested and sent to prison in 1962.

Apart from its military type activities it also promoted infiltration of other organisations, a function now undertaken by column 88.

The Spearhead organisation directives suddenly take on a new meaning in the light of the activities of Peter Marriner.

> "If you can't put on a uniform and get active, join a trade union or one of the three major parties. Become a dedicated member of the organisation, work hard and we will give leadership and keep your National Socialist spirit alive until you are needed".

Lady Birdwood *Councillor Collett* *Peter Marriner*

THE FIGHT AGAINST RACIALISM IN FRANCE

An Appeal Signed By Over 200 Mayors

From Droite Et Liberte

appel des maires de france contre le racisme

Au lendemain des élections municipales, le Mouvement contre le Racisme, l'Antisémitisme et pour la Paix (M.R.A.P.) a présenté aux maires nouvellement élus un certain nombre de suggestions pour agir au niveau de la commune contre les préjugés racisaux et pour la compréhension entre tous les habitants, sans distinction d'origine. Il leur a soumis un appel qui a d'ores et déjà été signé par plus de 200 maires de grandes villes.

Parmi les grands problèmes auxquels nous sommes confrontés, nous estimons devoir, avec nos concitoyens, porter une attention particulière au racisme, qui tend aujourd'hui à s'aggraver et contre lequel il convient de poursuivre une action efficace.

Nous entendons ne rien négliger pour faire échec aux préjugés et aux comportements racistes en France, quelles qu'en soient les victimes : Arabes, Juifs, Noirs, immigrés ou Gitans.

Nous condamnons avec indignation les tentatives qui se multiplient, dans le climat actuel de crise, pour imputer à tel ou tel de ces groupes la responsabilité des difficultés et des maux que connaît notre société.

Face à la montée inquiétante des agressions racistes - souvent impunies -, aux attentats et aux menaces contre le M.R.A.P. et ses dirigeants, nous réclamons des mesures efficaces pour mettre hors d'état de nuire ceux qui s'y livrent et les groupes néo-nazis qui alimentent les haines et les violences.

Nous nous élevons contre les conditions bien souvent inhumaines faites aux immigrés, voués aux tâches les plus ingrates, et sur qui pèsent en permanence les discriminations, les pressions et les actes d'intimidation, visant à les rejeter dans un insupportable ghetto matériel et moral.

Nous insistons pour que l'Etat assume pleinement ses responsabilités dans l'amélioration des conditions de vie et de logement de ces hommes, dont la coopération constitue un apport considérable à l'économie française.

Nous demandons la suppression de toutes discriminations légales, des brimades policières et administratives, des expulsions arbitraires frappant les travailleurs et les étudiants étrangers.

Nous affirmons que chaque commune de France doit être un lieu où cohabitent dans l'égalité, la dignité et la sécurité, dans la compréhension réciproque et le respect de leurs différences, tous les hommes, femmes et enfants, sans distinction d'origines, qui s'y trouvent réunis.

Nous voulons y contribuer par tous les moyens dont nous disposons et promouvoir dans nos villes les idéaux antiracistes, en même temps que l'ensemble des libertés républicaines.

Nous croyons nécessaire qu'à travers la presse, la radio et la télévision, ainsi que par l'enseignement et les divers moyens de la culture, se développe largement l'information sur les menées et les préjugés racistes, afin d'en prémunir tous les milieux.

Elus du peuple français, et fidèles à ses généreuses traditions, nous exprimons notre solidarité à tous les hommes, où que ce soit, qui souffrent de persécutions et de frustrations en raison de leur appartenance raciale, ethnique, religieuse ou nationale; et nous nous prononçons notamment pour la cessation de tout soutien aux régimes racistes de l'Afrique australe, comme le recommandent les Nations-Unies. Soucieux du renom de la France à travers le monde, nous souhaitons qu'elle soit partout présente aux côtés des peuples qui luttent pour la liberté et le respect de la dignité humaine.

ont signe l'appel

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Messieurs BROSSEAU, FRABOULET, GUENA, Professeur Pierre LEPINE, Pierre SAUVAIGO, René THINAT, ont, d'autre part, exprimé au MRAP leur accord avec la cause qu'il défend.

DAVID IRVING'S GERMAN PUBLISHER QUESTIONS RELIABILITY

Extract from leaflet produced by Heinz Roth

Anne Frank's Tagebuch – eine FÄLSCHUNG

Dieser in der ganzen Welt bekannte ‚Bestseller' ist eine Fälschung !

Millionen Schulkinder mußten und müssen noch diesen Schwindel lesen, Schulen und Straßen wurden nach der angeblichen Autorin benannt – und nun stellt sich heraus, daß dieses ‚Tagebuch' das Produkt eines New Yorker Drehbuchautors in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Vater des Mädchens ist *(David Irving „Hitler und seine Feldherren", S.III und „Did six million really die ?", S.19)* ! Dieser Schwindel ist aber nicht erst seit kurzer Zeit aktenkundig, sondern bereits seit über einem Jahrzehnt ! Inzwischen wurden Leute bestraft, weil sie es wagten, an der Wahrhaftigkeit dieses ‚Tagebuches' zu zweifeln.

Wir wissen nicht, ob diese Urteile inzwischen revidiert worden sind . . .

Die Menschen sind ja so naiv und gutgläubig, daß man ihnen unendlich viel erzählen kann, bis sie endlich merken, welchen Lügen sie aufgesessen sind.

Sehr geehrter Herr Frank,

soeben erreicht mich der Brief Ihrer Anwälte vom 14. November in der Angelegenheit des Irving'schen Buches. Herr Ernst J. Cramer hatte sich ja namens des Gesamthauses bereits bei Ihnen entschuldigt, und unsere Anwälte werden in den nächsten Tagen zu dem erwähnten Brief Stellung nehmen. Bitte erlauben Sie mir aber, Ihnen direkt den Hergang der Angelegenheit zu erzählen, über den Sie wohl noch nicht informiert sind.

David Irving übergab uns im vergangenen Frühjahr das Manuskript zu seinem Buch. Es stellte sich sehr bald heraus, daß es politisch bedenkliche, moralisch zweifelhafte und historisch unhaltbare Passagen enthielt. Ich zog die Angelegenheit des Buches daher direkt an mich und strich insgesamt mehrere hundert Seiten heraus, redigierte beträchtliche Abschnitte und schrieb andere um.

Der englische Autor protestierte gegen jeden Eingriff in sein Manuskript, wobei er sich auf das internationale Urheberrecht berief. Die Kontroverse nahm einen sehr entschiedenen Verlauf, und in dem in Kopie beigefügten

Part of the letter from Ullstein, the German publishers to Mr Otto Frank

Following last month's article on David Irving and his background, we have received further material that casts serious doubt on his accuracy. The letter is a copy of correspondence from his German publisher Ullstein Verlag to Mr Otto Frank the father of Anne Frank.

We are reliably informed that the Springer press which owns Ullstein had to make an out of court settlement of DM50,000 to Mr Frank for libel. Mr Frank has started proceedings in Frankfort against Heinz Roth.

Mr Otto Frank was notified in 1975 of a publication called *Hitler und seine Feldherren* written by David Irving and published by Ullstein Verlag in Berlin, which contained a passage saying the Diary of Anne Frank was a falsification.

Mr Frank immediately took action against the editor demanding the passage be removed. The publisher took all the existing copies back , and a new edition without the passage was printed and distributed. Mr Siegler of Ullstein Verlag wrote to Mr Frank to apologise, and this letter is very interesting: it reveals what happened before the book was published. To quote Mr Siedler, the managing director: "David Irving handed us his manuscript spring last year. It soon became clear that it contained passages that were politically questionnable, morally doubtful and historically untenable. I immediately took the editing of the book in my own hands, removed in total more than a hundred pages, re-edited large parts and rewrote others. The English author protested against every change in his manuscript . . . and demanded we re-enter all the removed passages otherwise he would take immediate legal steps . . . I informed Mr Irving that under these circumstances the publisher would not reprint his book and we wished no further contacts with Mr Irving in the future'.

We suppose Mr Irving would be interested to learn that the passages removed by the publisher against his will, nevertheless found their way to the public by way of Nazi propaganda leaflets, for instance of the notorious Heinz Roth.

THE NAZI BOOZERS OF DIKSMUIDE

The annual fascist get-together at Diksmuide took place with rather more bickering than usual and comradely feelings were apparently at a low ebb.

Expressions of friendship, particularly by certain British Movement members, seemed to be expressed in the form of a drunken brawl that did little for the image of their fuhrer, Michael McLaughlan.

Word appears to have got around of press interest and it would seem that regulars were conspicuous by their absence. Not so the Hancock's of Brighton fame who seem to be doing rather a lot of travelling to all sorts of interesting places in recent weeks.

The National Front contingent was composed of small fry on this occasion and also there in diminished numbers were the League of St. George members, who gave the event somewhat less than their usual plug. Eddie Morrison of the British National Party brought up the rear with a dozen of his Leeds based thugs.

Representatives from the USA included Dr. Fields and Dr. Stoner of the States Rights Party, and the FMO (Flemish Militant Order) camp put up representatives from Germany, Holland, Australia, France, Canada and Norway. Representatives from Finalnd were not allowed into the country.

The neo-Nazi lawyer from Germany, Dr. Manfred Roeder accompanied by the Canadian fascist Jack Prins then came on to Britain for further discussions.

The most revealing comment on what seems to have been a less than happy occasion for some of the British fascists is contained in the document later distributed to British Movement members by an irate McLaughlan and which we reproduce in full.

EVERY DOG IS ALLOWED ONE BITE

The conduct of SOME of the Leader Guard at Diksmuide left much to be desired and it is hoped that lessons will be learned from such shortcomings failing which, there will be , in the future, suspensions. This applies equally to non-members of the Leader Guard, two of whom were little if any credit to their Party.

The first failing was, and for whatever reason, a public dispute in which the taking of alcohol played a part and was reflected in behaviour. This was unsightly and it was undignified. That it happened in the presence of most Right-wing opposition leaders such as Dr Ed Fields, the Hancocks, Mike Griffin, Eddy Morrison and others added to the discomfit of the Party's Leadership.

Furthermore, it sowed the seed of rumour and within hours of my returning home, I received a telephone call from a member who wasn't at Diksmuide who said that, according to one report reaching him, the L.G's Leader had jabbed a broken bottle in the face of a nationalist and, when I myself had intervened, the same had struck me with a bottle.

That this is patently absurd and a complete distortion is of no relevence. Such rumours ARE believed and furthermore, we can expect our political enemies on the Right to take full advantage of our discomfit.

Failing number 2 was the misunderstanding of the Belgian situation in the hall during the evening. The Belgians had with great enthusiasm supported and reflected our National Socialist enthusiasm, even to the extent of very enthusiastically applauding myself when I spoke on the subject of European unity. After an hour, quite understandably, they wanted to give their own Belgian nationalist songs an airing and, the owner, not wishing to have his hall turned into a miniature Nuremburg rally for the rest of the evening protested. When it is considered that it is HIS hall, and that he alone allowed our unbridled enthusiasm for an hour, and that he has to live in Diksmuide after we have gone home to England, his point of view can and should be appreciated. These two factors combined brought about a situation where most of the Leader Guard, and the Germans present left the hall in a huff.

Hardly behaviour likely to gain us Belgian friends and allies !

This left no more than 5 or 6 in our group, one of whom was a lady member and only one being a Leader Guard member. At the close of the evening, when we were leaving, we were picked on by a bunch of pinko-liberal heavies and if it had not been for myself being able to give a creditable performance in diplomacy, the situation would have turned very ugly and I, with the young lady member and the few others may well have been hospitalised while, the Leader Guard whose primary duty is to protect the Leader and members alike were drinking back at the camp. I leave it to your own imaginations as to how you would have felt if this had happened.

Failing number 3 was that early dispersal on Sunday morning depleted our numbers and the British Movement was unable to take part in the march whilst Eddy Morrison's unsightly rabble were.

The Leader Guard's past performance indicates that this was an isolated incident and there is no reason to believe that such incident will be repeated. However, if the Code of Conduct is not upheld in the future by L.G. members and members alike, I shall have no hesitation in suspending those responsible publicly.

If in the future, any member regardless of the position he holds gets out of hand, it will be the Leader Guard's members duty to get him out of sight and if necessary, use violence in order to do so.

Having said all that, it is only right that I express my appreciation of those members, including those of the L.G. who throughout the period conducted themselves in a manner to bring credit to the Movement.

If the lessons have been learned from this episode, then no lasting harm will have been done and it is assumed that events in the future British Movement calendar will reflect the Movement's expression on quality.

The subject will not be raised again and there will be no recurrence.

Michael McLaughlin - National Leader.

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Month after month *Searchlight* receives amongst its press cuttings letters from National Front members to various local papers. The overriding theme of this volumous correspondence is a denial of the charges that the Front is Fascist.

Following the recent articles by Joe Haines in the *Daily Mirror,* which showed that Nazism is still very much the kernal of National Front ideology, many of the letters from Front members and supporters made the same point and emphasised that they were 'patriotic nationalists'.

Some may genuinely believe their own propaganda but that is all it is. As Geobbels said, "if you tell a lie often enough it will become accepted as the truth".

Although *Searchlight* has constantly exposed the barefaced duplicity of NF propaganda, we make no apologies for returning to the theme yet again , and our reason for doing so is an article in the June issue of the National Front journal *Spearhead,* 'Organiser of Calamities' by Hal Thompson, which is a classic example of the art of double talk.

In order to emphasise the point we reproduce a number of extracts from typical NF letters, all of which protested against the Nazi label. The problem for the writers is to equate what they write with the *Spearhead* article.

One of the main themes of Nazi propaganda is the conspiracy theory; the absurd allegations of a world wide conspiracy between International Finance, Communism and the Jews, represented by the Zionists, and the main force opposing that 'alliance' was Adolf Hitler and National Socialism. It follows therefore, according to the 'theory', that we fought on the wrong side in the '39-'45 war.

Thompson, in his *Spearhead* article takes up this theme and links it with an attack on Churchill that is very reminiscent of the recent book by David Irving.

This particular point is developed early in the article when dealing with Churchill's gambling habits which he claims "by 1928 had left him flat broke". After making the point that this was a personal matter and not the occasion for moral structures, Thompson gets down to the nitty gritty.

"But the story for what it is worth, is that he was visited by a leading group of Zionists, headed of course by the inevitable Balfour. They still saw a great talent in Winston and it was through their efforts that his career was put back on the tracks".

Get the idea?

Everything that Churchill did from that point on was in the interests of the Zionist-Bolshevik-International Finance Capital conspiracy.

"The speeches of Churchill in the early thirties are as remarkable as they are alarming. For already he is pointing to the danger of a revived Germany even before Hitler had become Chancellor".

As we recollect, by the early 1930's Hitler and his Nazi Party were already on the brink of the power they assumed in 1933, but perhaps Thompson is more at home with those scrap dealers and industrialists who were supplying the Nazi war machine up the very day war broke out. Or maybe those MP's who were in the Anglo-German Fellowship and the Link were more to his liking. His article certainly leads one to that conclusion.

On Litvinov's plea for peace at the League of Nations Thompson has this to say. "No sooner was he there than he began to preach his

Politician 'talking through his hat'

Derek Fatchett is talking through his hat when he attempts to smear the National Front as antidemocratic and Fascist.

The policy of the National Front is, and has always been to support British democracy and British Government.

Every policy statement published by the National Front, and indeed, its Party Constitution wholeheartedly supports British parliamentary democracy, and pledges the National Front to achieve and retain political office solely by way of the will and votes of the British people.

In accordance with this commitment, the National Front fields hundreds of local, and parliamentary election candidates every year, in all parts of the country. Indeed, I was proud to contest Market Bosworth this year.

In spite of being challenged many times, the opponents of the National Front have not produced a single piece of evidence of statement by National Front leaders supporting the allegation that the National Front is anti-democratic.

How can the National Front be fascist when it is totally committed to British parliamentary democracy?

On all issues, National Front policy is completely opposed to that of fascism.

For example, the Nazis sought the political and economic integration of Europe and all post-war Fascist movements have all advocated European union.

The National Front, in contrast, has from its beginning been the most uncompromising opponent of the integration of Europe and the staunchest supporter of British National Sovereignty.

It has fought against British entry into the Common Market and is continuing to fight for British withdrawal in accordance with what now is the wish of the majority of the British people.

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It can, therefore, be that on its major policies, National Front is in total conflict with Fascism.

HARRY PAYNTER,
Markfield Lane, Botchest

Extract from Coalville Times, Leicester.

Fascists are only patriots

It has been interesting to read a few letters in your paper praising and condemning the National Front and it seems to me that the activities of the Front are misunderstood.

Basically the Front is designed to protect and project the views and interests of the British people, seeking to be the voice of the patriot from where it draws it's ever growing support.

The direct result of one extremity results in an opposite one, we hav communists and such li people and the need for strong opposition obvious. If the Front se to be violent at times i always from a defe position. The messag carries is simple, Brita

Extract from Shropshire Star, Wellington.

TICLE SUPPORTS LETTER WRITERS ON PUBLIC

historic thesis on "The Indivisibility of Peace" which became world famous. Using the World War (1914-1918) as an example he pointed out in the event of another World War all of the great powers must be drawn in, and indeed even the small ones. This theme was diabolical in its cunning. If Hitler turned to the East against the USSR all the "Western Imperialist" including the United States would automatically become allies of the Soviet Union. Of the outcome there could be no doubt. Germany would be hopelessly over-matched? Her defeat obvious".

governments composed of outright simpletons could see at a glance through such a plausable and foxy scheme. It is now generally accepted that the Western democracies would have preferred Germany to march to the East".

Here we have it. Thompson is bemoaning that Hitler's well known strategy of "Drang Nach Ostern" (Drive to the East) came unstuck and he becomes even less discreet as he goes along.

"On the surface Hitler's proposal to guarantee the British Empire seems absurd. But this is only because it was grossly misunderstood. Hitler was well aware that just as the French Revolution had spread through all Europe, the Russian Revolution might eventually envelope the whole world. Many leading British statesmen were of the same conviction . . .

' . . . ruling circles in Britain, especially in the early thirties, looked upon Hitler as the saviour of Germany from communism, if not the whole world'.

So we now reach the point of rehabilitating Hitler, he becomes the "saviour", someone we should have supported in his bid to build the 1,000 years Reich.

But there is still more to come.

'You would think that Churchill would be first in the pack for a new crusade against the Bolsheviks. Alas, such was not the case, for we must remember that Churchill's career had been largely underwritten by the Zionists. He was the very voice of their aspirations. BUT THE NAZI MOVEMENT WAS NOT ONLY ANTI-ZIONIST. IT WAS ANTI-SEMITIC. THIS COOLED ANY ARDOUR MR CHURCHILL MIGHT HAVE HAD FOR SUCH A SOLUTION. (our emphasis).

The interesting thing about this quotation is that Thompson's disapproval is not for Hitler and the Nazi regime's anti-semitism but for Churchill who found it objectionable. He is much warmer in his feelings towards the French General Staff in those months before the war.

'The French alone tried desperately to back pedal. This is why most of the French General Staff were pro-Nazi. The French are notoriously Realistic'.

And to make sure that there is no mistaking the point he is trying to make, Thompson makes the following point about Chamberlain's decline.

'Chamberlain's ambivilant policies finally collapsed in a senseless war'.

So all those NF letter writers are just not putting forward the policies of the party as expressed in its journals. Instead they are trying to deny the growing volume of evidence that they are indeed, as their Warley press officer L. Gardner so frankly stated in his letter to the Warley News Telephone, "British neo-fascists".

Freedom swept away

WHAT a load of hysterical codswallop Peggy Jackrisson wrote (Letters, June 27).

I, too, am old enough to remember the Thirties and I served my country in the last war, as my father before me did in the previous one and his father before him, and not without distinction. I am proud to say.

'Let me enlighten Peggy Jackrisson. The vast majority of the membership of the National Front also fought against Nazism and Fascism in the last war and others are relatives of lost loved ones who died for the cause of freedom.

Why are they members? Because they have seen the freedom they thought they were fighting for swept away by the stroke of the pen by white Judases both in Government and Opposition. Some of these were pacifist and even spoke on public platforms against Great Britain going to war against Nazism and Fascism.

As for the National Front harassing coloured immigrants in the streets and their homes, more hysteria.

The real question Peggy Jackrisson should be asking herself is why are they here in such vast numbers? The National Front knows.

As for Fascism, isn't it here already? Surely the antics of the extreme Left (Grunwick for instance) are those of Fascism, but they call themselves Communist. As I said at the beginning of my letter I, too, am old enough to remember. — W. LANE, Portugal Place, Wallsend.

Extract from Evening Chronicle, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

the British and it is unlikely any Briton would object to that. Where is the crime in that?

Although the word Fascist is often bandied about it only means patriot and if anyone finds patriotism difficult to live with perhaps they are in the wrong country after all.

It is certain that the National Front wishes no one any harm providing that their interests are for the well being of the British way of life. MISS S. SMITH,

The Incline,
Ketley,
Telford

Reply 'an insult to thousands of ex-servicemen'

WHEN I challenged Mr Fatchett (Times, June 3) to produce some specific evidence that the National Front was undemocratic, nazi, fascist. I did so expecting him to do somewhat better than the pathetic reply you printed on June 17.

For his reply he regurgitates some third hand unsubstantiated titbit of alleged hearsay gossip. Hardly a strong case. He goes on in his final paragraph to mention the sacrifices made in the last war to ensure democratic freedom and this, above all, is a direct and calculated insult to the thousands of ex-servicemen and women who are members of the National Front, and gave years of their lives fighting for this country against nazism, fascism, and the imposition of dictatorship upon Britain.

For the record, the founding chairman of the National Front, A K Chesterton, served in both wars and held the Military Cross. Its present president, Squadron-Leader John Harrison-Broadley DFC, was mentioned in despatches, and served four years in the notorious POW camp Stalag Luft 3.

This list is endless, but locally we have Major-General Richard Hilton DSO, MC, DFC as president of the Derby branch, and one of our prospective County Council candidates in the recent elections in Leicester holds the Military Medal for the single handed destruction of three German machine gun posts.

If Mr Fatchett were to attend the National Front annual Remembrance Day Parade at the Cenotaph he would see more medals than a Ugandan Army field day.

I would warn that the proud British heroes and patriots have nothing but the utmost contempt for men like Derek Fatchett and his party, led as it has been by conscientious objectors and so-called "pacifists". He will find that attempts to cheat the British people out of their hard won heritage and freedom will meet with uncompromising resistance.

JOHN RYDE,
Chairman, Hinckley and Bosworth National Front
63 Peter's Avenue,
Newbold Verdon.

Extract from Coalville Times, Leicester.

NUTZ TO BUTZ

Professor Arthur Butz, an associate professor of electrical engineering at Northwestern University, Illinois USA, was recently in London to launch his book *The Hoax of the Twentieth Century.*

The press conference for yet another attempt to whitewash the Nazi regime was organised by the Historical Review Press, who also published the pamphlet *Did Six Million Really Die?* which like Butz's book purports to show that the mass extermination of Jews in Nazi Germany was a myth.

Prior to the London press conference on July 17th at the St. Ermin hotel, Prof. Butz had been hawking his book around racist organisations in the USA, and had been enthusiastically promoted by the National States Rights Party,

The June issue of its anti-semitic and anti-black journal *Thunderbolt* (see What Their Papers Say p.13) carried a reprint from an interview in in the Chicago *Sun Times,* January 26, in which Butz claims to have written the book "because there was no extermination programme and anyone who says so is telling a pack of lies".

"It was", he said, "an orchestrated campaign by Zionist groups that led the world to believe that the Nazis exterminated Jews in gas chambers". Such claims were described by Butz as a "legend" based upon "ludicrous" information.

When the Chicago *Sun Times* reporter asked Butz about the Nazi officers who admitted taking part in the mass exterminations, he said they were doing so as a kind of "plea bargaining" in order to get lighter sentences at the war crimes trials.

Asked about all those who lost their sons, daughters, husbands and wives in the concentration camps Butz said:

"They didn't see their wives and daughters put into gas chambers. The most they can say is that their sons and daughters are separated from them".

When Butz was then asked to define the role of Auschwitz during World War II, he said, "Auschwitz was a big concentration camp which happened to have a high death rate. But there were no exterminations carried out at Auschwitz, You see, the deaths at Auschwitz were from natural causes".

Once again we must raise the question with Home Secretary Reece about the way in which notorious racists and fascists can enter Britain with impunity in order to carry out their hate propaganda and political activities. It contrasts strangely with the way in which many Asians are treated by immigration officials.

Pollsters - Youth and the Front

A recent public opinion poll – arguing that the National Front could expect to gain 25 seats in a general election fought under a proportional representation system – has come under attack from experts.

The poll was undertaken by Research Surveys of Great Britain Ltd, and its results stated and analysed in a study by two academics at Essex University. Among the report's conclusions are that the average NF supporter is "young, ungifted and white"; that 10 per cent of working class young people under 35 who left school at the minimum age said they'd be likely to vote NF, compared with only two per cent of older, better-educated, middle-class voters; and that the NF is strongest in the East Midlands, followed by London, East Anglia, the West Midlands and Yorkshire/Humberside.

A story covering the Report in the *Guardian* said that it confirmed academic theories that the NF has become the party of the working-class protest vote, the function fulfilled for the middle-class by the Liberals. *(Guardian* 5 July).

However, a series of letters to the *Guardian* following its story have undermined the Report's conclusions. Mr Frank Teer, the managing director of the firm which undertook the survey, dissociated the company from the conclusions of the Essex academics. His letter revealed – which the original *Guardian* article had not – that the respondents to the survey had not been asked about their voting intentions in the present situation, but had rather been asked "If you thought the NF would do well at General Election, how likely would you be to vote for them".

Mr Teer concludes that, as put, the question "has no meaning as a measure of potential support", and, further, that the lowness of the sample interviewed made many of the Report's conclusions invalid and "not statistically significant".

This conclusion was confirmed in a letter from Richard Holme, director of the National Committee for Electoral Reform, who also made a number of other criticisms of the Essex Report. Those who said they would be "very likely" to vote NF were, he said, only four per cent of the total sample, "within the limits of statistical error at plus or minus five per cent".

He also pointed out that the seven per cent of people very likely to vote NF in East Anglia (a statistic made much of in the East Anglian press) were, in fact, six or less people.

Commenting on the *Guardian's* story about the report, Mr Holme concluded: "When you are handling gelignite, Sir, please be more careful".

The accuracy or otherwise of the Essex Report is not just an academic matter for anti-Fascists. The outcome of the debate between those who think the NF is a working-class protest party, and those who view it as a classic Fascist party drawing support from many disaffected sectors of the population, has vital implications for the fight against them.

WHAT THEIR PAPERS SAY

Readers of *Searchlight* and this column will not need reminding that *The Thunderbolt*, paper of the American National States Rights Party, is an openly Nazi, Hitlerite, anti-semitic hate sheet. Its May 77 issue, for instance, has stories headlined "Jews Financed, Produced 'Roots'" and "Kosher Food Tax Costing Consumers Millions". Its booklet contains such goodies as The Protocols of Zion, Christ Not a Jew, and Jewish Ritual Murder by pre-War British Nazi Arnold Leese.

But it is another headline in the May issue that will interest British readers most. It is, simply, "National Front Wins Stunning Victory in England".

A whole page is devoted to the NF's recent borough election results. It is written in glowing terms:

> "The National Front, England's leading party defending the rights of the White majority, has just won a smashing election victory. They more than doubled their percentage of the vote from the last election and clearly have become the balance of power in England".

And after much ignorant guff about black people having "loaded down the nation's welfare rolls and . . . created slums out of formerly beautiful English neighbourhoods" (blacks contribute more to and take less from the Welfare State than whites; how beautiful was Brixton?) the *Thunderbolt* moves on to a description of the NF leaders. Richard Verrall's "gifted writing", we are told, "has inspired tens of thousands". Martin Webster has organised "bold and imaginative marches". And John Tyndall, wait for it, "is the dynamic orator whose message of 'White Race Survival' has inspired a nation!".

It will be no surprise to NF supporters or voters to discover, from the *Thunderbolt*, that the NF's policy is to "Repatriate all the 'coloureds' in England back to their native homelands".

What might surprise them a bit is to discover that the new Race Relations Act was masterminded by the Jews.

As *The Thunderbolt* puts it (in language refreshingly free from the euphemistic hogwash printed by the NF itself – no "Zionists" here):

> "The new anti-hate law the Jews support would provide up to two years imprisonment and a £1,000 fine, or both for 'inciting' race hate. In other words they would abolish freedom of speech in England as their solution to the coloured immigration problem. It should be noted that the Jews own much of the commercial life of England and most of their half-million Jews are located in London . . .
>
> "The British People are awakening during their last hour when the Jews and Communists had planned on setting up an Israeli type censorship board".

Now, we are sure that the NF – who constantly deny their Nazi connections and in fact distributed a leaflet to that effect round the whole of Leicester in May – are most upset by this unwelcome publicity. Immediately on receipt of the ghastly news, we have no doubt that the first thought of the NF leaders was how to dissociate themselves from such unwelcome praise.

Well, not quite. Indeed, quite not. For the only response, so far, in the *Thunderbolt* is the following letter from one "C.B." of "London, England":

> "A copy of The *Thunderbolt* has recently come into my hands, and I would like to congratulate you for producing such a well laid-out, courageous and informative newspaper.
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> "I was particularly pleased to see that you found the space to devote a whole page to the National Front (of which I am proud to be a member) in spite of the enormous problems facing your own Nation. Apart from our own publications we do not receive such an amount of favourable publicity in Britain in a year: many thanks".

Well, well.

Mental Health Note: The June edition of *The Thunderbolt* has as its front page lead the demand that the US Government mine the Mexican border. If this simple protective course is not followed, apparently, there will be 100 million Mexicans in the United States in 23 years time.

There are presently 50 million Mexicans in Mexico.

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On the same page of the *Thunderbolt* is an article attacking Menachem Begin, the new Right-wing Israeli Prime Minister, which gives pride of place to a quotation from Begin made in October 1956. Exactly the same quote is used in the June edition of the NF's journal *Spearhead*, which brings us conveniently back home.

The centre spread in June is given over to an interview, by whom we are not told, with NF leader John Tyndall. What is interesting about his answers to questions about NF policy is not the answers in themselves (we know most of them already) but those elements of NF "policy" to which he gives prominence. In short, and in summary, Tyndall is going for the constituency at present ably represented by the National Association for Freedom: the monetarist Tory Right.

Tyndall promises that under a NF government "Taxation would only be a fraction of what it is now". He alleges that the answer to inflation is "proper control of the money supply". He wishes to see a Welfare State only "in drastically revised form". "For able-bodied people in the prime of life", he says, "there should be the inducement to rely much less on the Welfare State and much more on personal initiative and hard work".

But most interesting of all are his remarks on the Trade Unions. Read the following, if you will, mark it, and inwardly digest:

> "We would apply government legislation which compelled all unions to adopt a secret ballot for all elections and all major union decisions. The same legislation would establish one union for one industry and reduce the number of British unions from the present 140-odd to no more than about 30. We would take far stronger measures against violent picketing and other forms of industrial intimidation. Social security payments to strikers' families would be by a voucher system which ensured the provision of essentials to strikers' wives and children only".

Now, having noted the stuff on picketing and vouchers and secret ballots and so on, material right-wing enough, 'tis true, but not out of place on the conventional Tory extremes, let us look closer at the proposal to "establish" one union for one industry.

The forcible reconstruction of the Trade Union Movement goes

way beyond the Industrial Relations Act. It goes way beyond most of the demands of the more neanderthal sections of the Tory Right. There is, however, a precedent for the Government of a country doing something on these lines.

It was the government of Benito Mussolini.

Later in his piece, Tyndall says that "we may introduce reforms in the present system of parliament". I think we can make an educated guess or two about the nature of such reforms.

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The National Association for Freedom is of course nothing to do with the National Front. The editorial of the 13th May issue of its paper *Free Nation* condemned the NF as "Nasty!" (wow) although it does say that "absorption" (of blacks) "is a two-way affair" and speaks of "a native fear that the British national and cultural identity is being eroded".

And, in fact, we have been guilty, above, of giving a false impression of an identity of belief in the legislative control of Trade Unions between the NF and the NAFF.

Beg Pardon. In fact, some of the NAFF want to go further, much further, than that. An article by NAFF superstar Ralph Harris, Director of the Institute of Economic Affairs, makes no bones about it. In an article (in the July 22 edition of *Free Nation)* entitled "Are Trade Unions Really Necessary" the cave-man Harris argues for the total "disarmament" (i.e. legal abolition) of the Trade Unions *altogether.*

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This non-identity between the NF and the Tory Right may apply to the NAFF. It doesn't seem to apply to *East-West Digest,* the journal of former Tory MP Geoffrey Stewart-Smith, possession of a copy of which (we possess many in the *Searchlight* offices) was the "passport" to membership of General Sir Walter Walker's para-military Civil Assistance organisation.

East-West Digest, required reading in the murky area of politics where counter-insurgency mingles in the gutter with monetarist economics and pro-Chilean junta sentiments, has (apparently) allowed the NF to reprint an article on the Communist nature of the West German Social-Democratic Party.

For there it is, in blue and white: "Reprinted with acknowledgements to EAST-WEST DIGEST" *(Spearhead,* June 1977).

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Let us now jump back a month, to the May *Spearhead,* trumpeting the NF's election results. Heady stuff, and heady rhetoric from editor Richard Verrall (who seems to have dropped his "B.A." from the masthead) about the kind of attitude the NF would have if ever they got the sniff of power:

> "In a number of fields the people yearn to see the promise of *strong government,* which will curb, control and, where necessary, crush the many activities disruptive to our national unity and efficienty".

Stirring, And Verrall is so carried away with his prose (in another article he claims grandiosely that "we are the movement of the future, soon it is going to break like a storm over Britain") that he hasn't spotted an amusing (for us) and embarrassing (for him) juxtaposition on the letters page.

Below the usual letters to the ed. in *Spearhead* is traditionall placed the "Letter of the Month" slot, which reprints an NF letter written to the Press. The lucky reprintee receives a £1 Nationalist Books voucher. It's all a splendid way to encourage initiative among the rank and file.

Well, in this case, the fortunate winner happens to be the President of the NF, J. Harrison Broadely, whose Piccadilly address suggests that he isn't short of a quid or two, and could bloody well afford to buy his own copy of the Protocols or whatever takes his fancy. But let that pass, for the point of his letter (published in the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph*) is to counter allegations that the NF would have opposed Britain fighting the war. His letter is an intractable list of services seen and decorations won. We don't only get Broadley's service record, but the records and achievements of most of his distressingly large family.

All of which is very impressive. Sorry, J. Harrison, for all these allegations. Take them all back. You're as patriotic as any. Nuff said.

Well, would be nuff, but for Richard Verrall's odd editorial decision to print, right above the Broadley epistle, where no-one could miss it, a letter to *Spearhead* itself from one Louise Hoyland, which reads as follows:

> "SIR: I read with disgust that the Russians have once again refused to release Rudolf Hess, now 83, from his solitary imprisonment in Spandau gaol. Why the British and Americans don't simply release this frail old man, and to hell with the Russians, I cannot imagine. Rudolf Hess flew to Britain in an attempt to stop the Second World War, yet he was condemned at Nuremberg, amongst other things, for 'crimes against peace'. What a sick joke. What really infuriates the Russians, of course, is that Hess might have managed to persuade Britain to join Germany in an anti-Communist alliance against Russia. For all those who believe in the moral rightness and superiority of everything we did between 1933 and 1945, the contemplation of the guitless old man in Spandau, in prison now for more than 30 years, is the best possible corrective".

Oh dear. There seems to be a crossed wire here. Should we have fought the war or shouldn't we?

There is a way through this problem. It is to conclude that the NF believe that we should have fought the war, but on the other side.

Can this be so?

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Finally, to *Action,* fortnightly of the Union Movement, the Mosleyite organisation. Readers will recall the keeness of *Action* to dissociate itself, and the blessed Oswald, from all things Fascist in this new splendid European world.

Oh even dearer. The facts can be stated simply. The June 15 edition of the rag has an editorial headed "The Menace of the Money Power". It talks of South African millionnaire Harry Oppenheimer. It speaks of that "mysterious fraternity, the Bilderbergers, largely run by international bankers". There is chat of "the age-old power of big money".

Yes, gentle reader, you are right. It's the cosy old conspiracy theory, as advertised by the National Front, which has at its root the cosy old theory that Jewish bankers want to take over the world.

Once a Blackshirt, always a Blackshirt.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Long Odds At Newmarket

Since putting so many of his members into the National Front (such as Glenn Mathews of the Tower Hamlets NF branch for instance) leader of the pro-Naxi British Movement, McLaughlan, has need of replacements.

So seeking pastures new he has ventured into the horse racing country of Newmarket. If good horse sense prevails it looks as though he'll be facing long odds.

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Barking Front Accused of Recruiting Fifth Formers

Hevering Education Committee Chairman, Alderman Kember, has ordered an inquiry into the claim by Barking education chief Vic Rusha that the National Front were recruiting fifth and sixth formers into the party. He based his claim on information given by his son, who is a teacher, that he had knowledge of card holding members of the Front in his school.

Vic Rusha also said that in his area there had been reports of National Front graffiti in schools, and he was concerned at the spread of racism as a consequence of these activities.

Although John "Horst Wessel" Roberts, the local NF organiser, denied these activities, he at the same time announced the formation of a local youth section of the Front. He claimed that a number of young people still at school had asked to join the Front because "so many of their teachers were Marxists". Which in NF parlance means anyone in the political specturm who is left of centre in the Conservative Party and is not a racist.

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NF Chief Steward And Security Officer In Pub Fraca

Frank Newland, the National Front's chief steward and security officer, was found guilty on July 27 of using threatening behaviour in a Brighton pub and given a two year conditional discharge. He was also ordered to pay £30 prosecution costs.

The assistant manager Mr Bond said in court that there were about 30 Front members present and most of them were in black jackets and were were wearing NF badges. Shortly after they they arrived they started singing loudly (we wonder what) and had to be subdued.

He later saw Newland and three others in "a verbal confrontation with an Indian or Pakistani. When both he and the manager Mr McClaren tried to stop the situation getting out of hand Newland said loudly, "Jack we have got bother".

This seemed to be a signal because about thirty NF members came up to the bar and then "all hell broke loose" and he called for the police and ambulance.

Mr McClaren claimed that Newland threatened him and said, "make no mistake about it, I shall be back for you".

According to our information the outing was organised by the Front head office as "a celebration" for the May election results.

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Glasgow Anti-Racist Conference

Some 80 delegates attended an anti-racialist conference in Glasgow at the end of June organised by the Scottish Campaign Against Racialism, which was chaired by Archbishop Thomas Winning of Glasgow.

The Rev. J. Langdon, of the Strathclyde Community Relations Council said there was mounting evidence "that in Scotland the forces of racialism were growing". From Dundee there were reports of the muggings of Asian citizens, and in the Lothian area there were signs of deliberate efforts to organise attacks on Asian shopkeepers and businessmen.

Opening the conference the Archbishop said "last year racial troubles were the worst Britain has ever experienced. The propagandists have now turned their attention to Scotland to seek support for their malevolent tenets. We must assert our solidarity against racialism".

He then went on to say that "the myths that perpetuated prejudices were being perpetuated by Right Wing politicians and certain right wing newspapers who have been propergating lies and half truths".

John Walker, Scottish organiser of ASLEF, said that racism had even gained support amonst some trade unionists, but there was no truth in the claims that black workers for greater unemployment amongst the white community. In fact the percentage of unemployment in the immigrant community was always much higher during times of economic crisis and it was also a fact that fewer immigrants chose to collect social security benefits.

Conference passed a resolution that said in part that the "avowedly racist-Fascist aims and violent tactics of the National Front denied them the right to freedom of speech and action open to democratic organisation". The resolution went on to criticise the Race Relations Act for having insufficient teeth and noted that in the final analysis action lay in the hands of the Attorney General, and called upon him to make better use of the powers that were available to him.

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Racist Leaflets — MP Calls For Prosecution

Robin Corbett MP has called on the Attorney General to authorise a prosecution against the National Party following the recent distribution of racist leaflets.

National Party Press Officer, Dave McCalder, came out with an intriguing new approach to racist propaganda when asked about the leaflet in question.

"If Mr Corbett is trying to say that we are trying to stir up racial tension and hatred we don't accept that at all. By our activities we are acting as a safety valve. If we and the National Front didn't exist, peoples frustration and bitterness about immigration would just build up and explode".

So there we have it at long last and straight from the horses mouth at that. They are not really racists and fascists but just good old fashioned sociologists dispensing rustic homespun truths and helping the frustrated masses to work out their fantasies.

Pull the other leg McCalder.

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Leith Sikh Temple a Target For Racists

Since opening last year the Sikh Temple, Leith, has been the target for terror tactics by racist thugs. The attacks have come following mass leafletting last summer and autumn by the National Front.

Bricks and stones have regularly shattered the windows and on a number of occasions airguns have been used. Cards marked with swastikas have been pushed through the doors and Klu Klux Klan and Keep Scotland White slogans have been daubed on the walls.

The Edinburgh Anti-Racist Committee is launching a campaign to combat Front propaganda and will cover the dole queues where the NF have been trying to get their support.

Councillor Neil Lindsay said the Front presence in Leith will be fought by the Trade Union Movement and the Labour Party in Edinburgh and Leith.

"There is no room for the National Front with tbeir racist and bigotted policies in Edinburgh".

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The Red Faced True Blue

Former NF student leader at Glasgow University, Ross McKay, has found a new spiritual home on the extreme right of the Tory Party and is now a councillor for the Dennistoun Ward.

He was however somewhat red faced when his NF background came to light, particularly when his description of the Tory Party in an article he'd written for the University magazine was reproduced in the *Glasgow Evening Times,* July 6.

He called it, "the bogus right as represented by the jumped up bourgeois clique, the Parliamentary Conservative Party", and went on to advise them "The National Front is your political home".

Hmm!

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Planned Front March in Glasgow Denounced

The proposed NF march and rally in Glasgow scheduled for late autumn is likely to run into massive opposition from right across the political spectrum.

Jon Reidford, secretary of Glasgow Trades Council, who was one of the organisers of a large counter demonstration two years ago, when over 100 people were arrested said: "There will be the strongest possible opposition by the Trade Union Movement in Scotland to any such meeting. Our first line of action will be to take every step to prevent them getting the let of any corporation hall in Glasgow.

"We remain opposed to the twisted philosophies of these people, who have nothing to offer the working class of Scotland except possibly gas chambers".

Mrs Margo MacDonald Scottish Nationalist Party senior vice chairman, expressed her strong feelings when she said: "For the first time in my life I feel racialist and that is towards Tyndall and his crew. He and his like are just not welcome in Scotland".

Glasgow District Councillor Andy McMahon said: "These political thugs are not part of the Scottish political scene. That they should even consider holding a rally in Glasgow should be a lesson to all those who closed their eyes two years ago and thought they would just fade away.

"If the Front do hold their planned rally they will face the greatest Trade Union and Labour Movement rally since those held to oppose Mosley".

A spokesman from the Scottish Liberal Party was equally forthright in his comments, "we will seek them out wherever they are and demonstrate".

It looks certain that if Tyndall throws down the gauntlet north of the border he will get much more than he bargained for. Maybe he should settle for the black eye he received on his recent visit to Edinburgh.

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NF Hurl Racial Insults At 10 Year Old — Slough Mayor Condemned For Silence

Something is very rotten in the state of Slough. Some months ago we reported that the newly elected Tory majority had cut off all funds to the Community Relations Council because they had spent £70 to purchase some anti-racist and anti-National Front leaflets.

Now the Mayor of Slough has been strongly condemned for refusing to speak out following a series of disgraceful and provocative racist incidents by the Front at a CRC fund raising sponsored walk.

The incidents occured in full view of the Mayor Cllr. George Brookes, who by tradition is the President of the CRC, as the walk commenced at Langley Park.

Twenty members of the National Front complete with flags and a magaphone turned up to harass those taking party. According to reports one Front member went up to an Asian couple and their small girl, pushed a Union Jack into the father's face, jostled him calling him a "black bastard". Following complaints the Front member was questioned by the police.

Slough Front chairman Tom Mundy made no bones about being there in order to stir things up.

"We wanted to show the CRC that we are going to get them in more than one way. This is a white mans country and it is National Front policy to repatriate Asians".

To the accompanyment of music by Wagner the NF candidate for Slough Malcolm Smith, shouted racial insults to the walkers, amongst whom was the Liberal candidate Phillip Goldenberg and the Tory candidate Christopher Ward, advising them to "keep wogs on a lead".

Two small black girls aged 10 and 11 were continually photographed, pushed and harassed by the Front, called niggers and told to "go home".

When complaints were made to Mundy about these disgusting tactics he made it clear that he was unconcented about upsetting such young children.

"Why should I care about a few Indians? I am much more concerned about white children", he said.

Fred Riley, CRC executive member said that many people were angered and sickened by the Front's behaviour, and he had harsh words for the Mayor for refusing to make a public condemnation of the Front's actions.

The Mayor's only comment was that "the National Front are entitled to demonstrate like anyone else. I didn't really hear what they said, it went in one ear and out of the other".

Fred Riley asked, "what is wrong with George Brooker if those sort of words did not register? There should have been something between his ears to stop it going in one and out of the other.

"I would have expected Slough's first citizen and President of the CRC to act more responsibly. By saying nothing he condones what the NF have done".

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Stoke Anti-Fascists Angered At Court's Leniency To NF

The sharp difference between the kind of treatment meted out to fascist and anti-fascists became starkly evident in a case at Stoke-on-Trent in early August.

Three National Front candidates appeared, and pleaded guilty to charges of using threatening behaviour. One of the candidates also admitted kicking one of three anti-fascist leafletters who were attacked.

Derisory fines of £10 each were imposed on the National Front men for the threatening behaviour offences and £10 on Bernard Ward of Leek after he admitted kicking the leafletter.

The Front's defence solicitor, John Wain, said he was very grateful to the prosecution for the low key manner with which they had conducted the case.

Mr Neville White, prosecuting, conducted the case without calling the three members of the North Staffordshire Anti-Fascist Committee who were attacked while leafletting against the Front during the May elections.

He said afterwards; "They were guilty pleas to there was no point in them coming to court". The anti-fascists attacked were not told that the case was going ahead.

One of them, Ian Joule, was not able to be in court when the prosecution dropped charges alleging assault on him by all three Front candidates and described his statement as "nonsense".

White set the style for the prosecution when he said; "the defendents group and the opposing group are members of fairly extreme political factions and you may find very little to choose between them".

He described how the Front had heard about the anti-fascist committee distributing a leaflet published by the Jewish Board of Deputies. They jumped into a car and then found the anti-fascists.

John Wain, defending, said that the attack which followed was the result of the Front thinking they were able to confiscate the leaflets and make citizens arrests. He described the leaflet exposing the Front as "libellous filth".

He also appealed to the bench; "Any sort of demonstration today where you came down heavily against the right would make the left cock-a-hoop".

The chairman of the bench said that the fines imposed did not reflect the seriousness with which they viewed the situation.

Mr Jason Hill, Secretary of the North Staffordshire Anti-fascist committee was critical of the handling of the case.

He said; "The anti-fascist committee is an organisation which has about 20 different organisations affiliated to it including the Labour and Liberal Party and trade union branches so it is incorrect to describe it an an extreme left-wing group".

"We are also a little angry at our leaflet being described as libellous – if it is why didn' they sue for libel".

"I was pretty angry at the way the cases were rushed through and the people who were leafletting were not even told about the case and were not asked to put their side of the case in court".

"It is a bit much when extreme right-wing organisations can go round beating up people who are exercising their electoral right".

The anti-fascist committee will be continuing its work on the Front who suffered a set-back in the Potteries when their main power-base ward candidate had his vote cut by two thirds and another candidate in a neighbouring ward had his cut bu a half.

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RACISM: SCIENTIFIC AND CRUDE

Part 1

Arthur Jensen, Professor of Psychology at Harvard University, reported in 1969 that intelligence is approximately 80 percent heritable and that blacks in America were 15 points below whites in I.Q. He argued that the blacks were inferior in cognitive ability-abstract reasoning – but that they excelled at associative learning tasks. His policy recommendations were, supposedly in the interests of both blacks and the society as a whole, for special education for ghetto children to cultivate the rote associative learning skill which was necessary for them to become happy workers on the lower level of the job market. (See Clarence J. Karier, *Shaping the American Educational State, 1900 to the Present,* London: Collier Macmillan, 1975. All quotes in this article, except where otherwise indicated are from this important book).

Scientific findings thus have political and economic implications as well as assumptions. This is the essential point to bear in mind when confronted by the scientific arguments of the scientific racists– Jensen, Herrnstein, Shockley and Eysenck. It is more immediately obvious when we look at the writings of *Spearhead* and its supposed expert Richard Verrall. Not only does he use the Jensen, et al "evidence" to justify racism and racist policies but he is still using the long-discredited "science" of skull shapes, etc. presumably on the grounds that such material has stood racists in good stead in the past so we might as well keep using it. The crucial assumptions made by the scientists about society must be examined for they lie at the heart of their work.

They assume that the existing political, economic system is meritocratic. This being so, the distribution of power and privilege is in conformity with the National Order, is based on the distribution of intelligence and ability in society. Success in school/University and success in "life" – measured in terms of material rewards is seen as being based on intelligence. Eysenck in a letter to *The Sunday Times*, 13 March 1977, defends this position by asserting:

> Intelligence affects earning power largely through education; and social class, in both parents and children, is determined to a marked extent by intelligence. (That this is so is shown by the facts of social mobility, which are highly correlated with IQ).

Therefore, those at the bottom those who have not experienced social mobility are there because they are not as intelligent or as able as those who have succeeded. The current distribution of material rewards on the basis of service to those who control the economic structure of society is just and inevitable. The schools which produce success and failure are seen as operating fairly on the basis of the measured abilities of the students– the inputs into the system. The evidence about the crucial link between family income and success in school and in employment is ignored, or justified on the basis of the inheritence of superior intelligence. Also ignored is the role schools actually play, through streaming, differential teacher expectations, unequal distribution of resources, in producing the expected results – middle class success and working class failure.

Such ideas were present at the very birth of IQ testing–the device used to provide objective scientific basis for the class and race nature of the education and political/economic system When Alfred Binet first developed his test, he kept those items on which those children–mainly middle class –who did best in school did better than their less successful–mainly working class–schoolmates. Those items on which a reverse pattern was found he eliminated as unsound. Not surprisingly, he produced a test with a high level of predictiveness of school performance. He wrote in 1916, showing his basic assumptions

> Our personal investigations, as well as those of many others, have demonstrated that children of the poorer class are shorter, weigh less, have smaller heads and slighter muscular force, than a child of the upper class; they less often reach the high school; they are more often behind in their studies. Here is a collection of inferiorities which are slight, because they are only appreciated when large numbers are considered, but they are considerable. Some probably are acquired and result from unavoidable and accessory circumstances; others are congenital.

Based on evidence of intelligence, measured by IQ tests, differential education was developed to prepare youngsters for different places in society. One University of Chicago Professor, Frank N. Freeman, wrote

> It is the business of the school to help the child to acquire such an attitude toward the inequalities of life, whether in accomplishment or in reward, that he may adjust himself to its conditions with the least possible firction.

So, an ideology which is based on the legitimacy of concentrations of wealth and power in the hands of the few justifies itself in terms of the superiority of those at the top and the inferiority of those at the bottom. If those at the bottom can be divided among themselves by means of racism and sexism then the status quo will be even more secure. If we allow the current scientific racism to be used against blacks now, it will be used against the working class later, as it was in the past. As Marvin Harris, an American anthropologist notes

> Racism also had its use , a justification for class and caste hierarchies; it was a splendid explanation of both national and class privilege. It helped to maintain slavery and serfdom, it smoothed the way for the rape of Africa and the slaughter of the American Indian; it steeled the nerves of the Manchester captains of industry as they lowered wages, lengthened the working day and hired more women and children.

The scientists who have developed these justifications show their class biases in no uncertain terms. Instead of seeing the characteristics of "ruthlessness, cunning, avarciousness, self-seeking, lack of sym pathy and compassion, subservience to authority, willingness to abandon principle for material gain" (in Noam Chomsky's formulation) as being related to material success in a capitalist society, they have based that success on superior intelligence and morality. In the word of Edward Thorndike, who received £325,000 from the Carnegie Foundation (which is now funding Shockley) from 1918 to 1934,

> It is the great good fortune of mankind that there is a substantial positive correlation between intelligence and morality, including good will toward one's fellows. Consequently our superiors in ability are on the average our benefactors, and it is often safer to trust our interests to them than to ourselves. No group of men can be expected to act one hundred percent in the interests of mankind, but this group of the ablest men will come nearest to the ideal.

One of Thorndike's colleagues and fellow recipient of corporate/philanthropic support, Henry Goddard said in 1920 in a lecture at Princeton University, that IQ tests measured genetically determined intelligence. He then went on:

> We may perhaps be permitted to apply the principle to another problem that looms up rather large at the present time, namely Socialism. Especially its extreme form of Booshevism. Most of the argumentes used by the more intelligent members of these groups are fallacious, because they ignore the mental levels (meaning IQ). These men in their ultra-humane attitudes, their desire to be fair to the workman maintain that the great inequalities of social life are wrong and unjust. For example, here is a man who says, I am wearing £12 shoes, here is a labourer who is wearing £3 shoes. Why should I spend £12 while he could only afford £3. I live in a home that is artistically decorated—carpets, high priced furniture, expensive pictures, etc. and the labourer lives in a hotel. As we have said the argument is fallacious. The fact is, that workmen may have a 10 year intelligence while you have 20. To demand for him such a home as you enjoy is as absured as it would be to insist that every labourer receive a graduate fellowship. How can there be such a thing as social equality with this wide range of mental capacity? As for an equal distribution of the wealth of the world that is equally absurd. The man with intelligence has spent his money wisely and saved until he has enough to provide for his needs in case of sickness, while a man of low intelligence, no matter how much money he would have earned, would have spent much of it foolishly and would never have anything ahead. It is said that during the past year the coal miners in certain parts of the country have earned more money than the coal operators. Yet today when the mines are shut down for a time, those people are the first to suffer. They did not save anything, although their whole life has taught them that mining is an irregular thing, and that when they have plenty of work, they should save against the days when they do not have work.

These are the men who developed IQ tests and the theories of genetically inherited intelligence. They justified the distribution of people into different classes.

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During 1976 SOWETO was the flashpoint for nation-wide uprisings against Apartheid in South Africa. They demonstrated the total rejection of Apartheid by the black people on whom it is imposed.

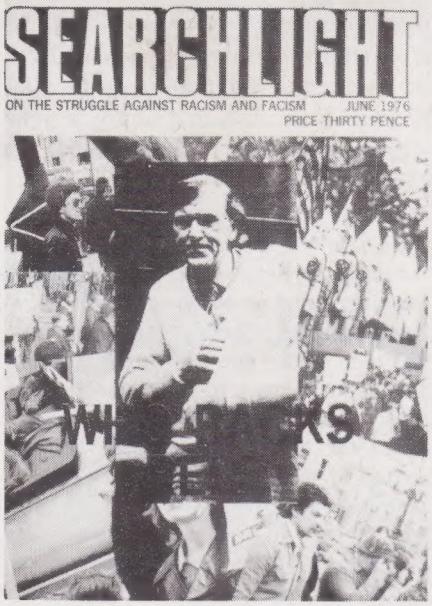
Joyce Sikakane grew up in Orlando, now part of Soweto. She experienced the introduction of 'Bantu Education', the insecurity and poverty of family life under Apartheid and the degradation of the "pass laws".

She writes:

> "It was at boarding school in 1960 that I turned 16 – a 'doomsday' instead of a happy birthday because I had to carry a pass, a 'reference book' or else face a gaol sentence . . . The passbook was issued instantly to me and 300 other girls . . . We were taken out in small groups for finger prints and instant photographing by the Bantu Affairs officials who had set up a mobile station in the college grounds".

She then describes her efforts to establish her right to work in the city of her birth and how she eventually became the first black woman journalist on a South African national newspaper. She was later detained without trial under the Terrorism Act and held for 17 months in solitary confinement. Together with Mrs Winnie Mandela and others she was twice found not guilty of any offence. On release she was served with a banning order and prevented from returning to her job as a journalist.

In 1973 she left South Africa for Britain where she now lives. In *A Window on Soweto,* Joyce Sikakane describes the history and administration of Soweto and gives an insight into the life of black people in South Africa. It illustrates the continuing and intensifying struggle between the Apartheid regime and the majority of the people of South Africa.



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On Litvinov's plea for peace at the League of Nations Thompson has this to say. "No sooner was he there than he began to preach his historic thesis on "The Indivisibility of Peace" which became world famous. Using the World War (1914-1918) as an example he pointed out in the event of another World War all of the great powers must be drawn in, and indeed even the small ones. This theme was diabolical in its cunning. If Hitler turned to the East against the USSR all the "Western Imperialist" including the United States would automatically become allies of the Soviet Union. Of the outcome there could be no doubt. Germany would be hopelessly over-matched? Her defeat obvious".
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How can the National Front be fascist when it is totally committed to British parliamentary democracy?

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It has fought against British entry into the Common Market and is continuing to fight for British withdrawal in accordance with what now is the wish of the majority of the British people.

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It can, therefore, be that on its major policies, National Front is in total conflict with Fascism.

HARRY PAYNTER,
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oalville Times, Leicester.

Freedom swept away

WHAT a load of hysterical codswallop Peggy Jackrisson wrote (Letters, June 27).

I, too, am old enough to remember the Thirties and I served my country in the last war, as my father before me did in the previous one and his father before him, and not without distinction. I am proud to say.

Let me enlighten Peggy Jackrisson. The vast majority of the membership of the National Front also fought against Nazism and Fascism in the last war and others are relatives of lost loved ones who died for the cause of freedom.

Why are they members? Because they have seen the freedom they thought they were fighting for swept away by the stroke of the pen by white Judases both in Government and Opposition. Some of these were pacifist and even spoke on public platforms against Great Britain going to war against Nazism and Fascism.

As for the National Front harassing coloured immigrants in the streets and their homes, more hysteria.

The real question Peggy Jackrisson should be asking herself is why are they here in such vast numbers? The National Front knows.

As for Fascism, isn't it here already? Surely the antics of the extreme Left (Grunwick for instance) are those of Fascism, but they call themselves Communist. As I said at the beginning of my letter I, too, am old enough to remember. — W LANE, Portugal Place, Wallsend.

Extract from Evening Chronicle, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Fascists are only patriots

It has been interesting to read a few letters in your paper praising and condemning the National Front and it seems to me that the activities of the Front are misunderstood.

Basically the Front is designed to protect and project the views and interests of the British people, seeking to be the voice of the patriot from where it draws it's ever growing support.

The direct result of one extremity results in an opposite one, we have communists and such like people and the need for a strong opposition is obvious. If the Front seems to be violent at times it is always from a defensive position. The message it carries is simple, Britain for the British and it is unlikely any Briton would object to that. Where is the crime in that?

Although the word Fascist is often bandied about it only means patriot and if anyone finds patriotism difficult to live with perhaps they are in the wrong country after all.

It is certain that the National Front wishes no one any harm providing that their interests are for the well being of the British way of life. MISS S. SMITH,

The Incline,
Ketley,
Telford

Extract from Shropshire Star, Wellington.

Reply 'an in to thousands ex-servicemen

WHEN I challenged Mr Fatchett (Time produce some specific evidence that t Front was undemocratic, nazi, fascist. I c ting him to do somewhat better than the p you printed on June 17.

For his reply he regurgitates some third hand unsubstantiated titbit of alleged hearsay gossip. Hardly a strong case. He goes on in his final paragraph to mention the sacrifices made in the last war to ensure democratic freedom and this, above all, is a direct and calculated insult to the thousands of ex-servicemen and women who are members of the National Front, and gave years of their lives fighting for this country against nazism, fascism, and the imposition of dictatorship upon Britain.

For the record, the founding chairman of the National Front, A K Chesterton, served in both wars and held the Military Cross. Its present president, Squadron-Leader John Harrison-Broadley DFC, was mentioned in despatches, and served four years in the notorious POW camp Stalag Luft 3.

This list is endless, but locally we have Major-General Richard Hilton DSO, MC, DFC as president of the Derby branch, and one of our prospective County Council candidates in the recent elections in Leicester holds the Military Medal for the single handed destructi German machine

If Mr Fatchett tend the Nationa nual Remembr Parade at the C would see more m Ugandan Army fi

I would warn tha British heroes ar have nothing but t contempt for men Fatchett and his pa it has been by con objectors and s "pacifists". He will attempts to cheat th people out of their h heritage and freedom with uncompro resistance.

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